



WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL SPEAKERS BUREAU PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

In preparation for the 200th anniversary of the outbreak of the War of 1812, the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 is offering speakers for historical societies and genealogical groups, civic groups, church and senior citizen clubs and other organizations. Presentations will generally run 30-60 minutes including time for questions and answers.

The presenter voluntarily agrees to speak on a War of 1812 topic for the benefit of education. Travel and copying costs will be reimbursed by organization sponsoring the presentation, if discussed with the organization and agreed upon beforehand. The \$150 honorarium for a program will be presented to the speaker at the conclusion of the program for delivery to the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission. The \$150 is payable to the "War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission."

YES, I wish to be included as a participant in the Michigan War of 1812 Bicentennial Speakers Bureau. I understand that organizations may contact me directly to arrange presentations, and that I am responsible for arranging travel reimbursement with the organization. I also understand that this is a voluntary speaking arrangement and that I will not be paid for the presentation.

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MCCONNELL SPENT MOST OF HIS CAREER IN THE DEARBORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. HE HAS ALSO TAUGHT AS ADJUNCT AT SEVERAL AREA UNIVERSITIES AND SERVED THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AS A COORDINATOR OF HISTORICAL CELEBRATIONS, INCLUDING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BICENTENNIAL, THE MICHIGAN SESQUICENTENNIAL, AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION & BILL OF RIGHTS BICENTENNIAL. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND SERVES AS SECRETARY OF THE MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE WAR OF 1812.

PRESENTATION TOPICS

Please list specific War of 1812 topics that you are interested in presenting.

Examples: Detroit in the War of 1812; The Battle of Mackinac Island: 1814 and; The Michigan Militia in the War of 1812.

Presentation Topics (Please list your possible topics:

1. Detroit and/or Michigan /Old Northwest in the War of 1812: Discussion of key events and personalities of the War in Detroit & the Michigan Territory
2. War of 1812: Forgotten Conflict Discussion of the causes, key events, and significance of the the War of 1812?
3. Sixty Years War for the Great Lakes: An overview of the ongoing conflicts in the Great Lakes region, from the French and indian war, through the Revolutionary war and the Native conflicts in the 1790s, to the Treaty of Ghent, at the end of the war of 1812.

GEOGRAPHIC AVAILABILITY

In what cities and/or geographic locations are you available to present?

Primarily Southeast Michigan

DAILY AVAILABILITY

Are you available during the day or evening, weekday or weekend, etc?

Available daytime only, weekday or weekend; If my wife is not available to drive me, I would need transportation. (joys of aging)

PRESENTATION NEEDS

X & operator	Overhead Projector	Screen	X
Hand-held microphone	Clip on microphone	DVD playerX	Laptop with projector hook-ups

OTHER NEEDS

Prefer roving microphone over attached to podium

When you are contacted by an organization for possible presentation, please be certain to collect the following information:

1. Contact person name, phone number(s) and email
2. Name of organization, address and location of meeting
3. Possible times and dates of meeting
4. Estimated audience size
5. Preferred topic and presentation length

Questions about this application and the War of 1812 Speakers Bureau can be directed to Dr. James McConnell at 734-525-2962 or jam1776@sbcglobal.net.

Please complete this application in its entirety and email to Jolene Priest at priestj1@michigan.gov.